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Applicant: REID ET AL. Examiner: YAO, SAMCHUAN CUA
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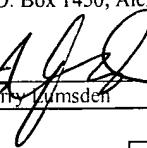
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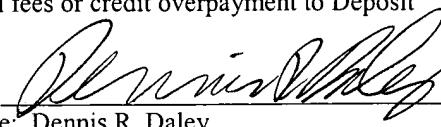
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Total Claims				
37	- 20	= 17	x 18.00	= \$306.00
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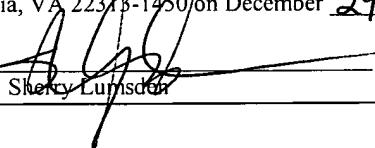
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2003. Entry of the following Amendment is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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